

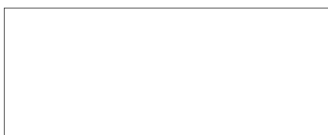


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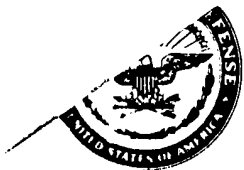
NOTE TO: Colonel George Kirschenbauer  
National Defense University

Attached per our conversation is a bio on Fritz Ermarth -- the National Intelligence Officer for the USSR. We apologize for this inconvenience. Since Mr. Gates has been named DDCI-designate, the press of business on the Hill for the next month or so keeps him from activities such as yours. I'm sure you will enjoy Mr. Ermarth -- he is quite a character.



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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

Office of the President

14 NOV 1985

Dr. Robert M. Gates  
Deputy Director for Intelligence  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Dr. Gates:

At the direction of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the National Defense University conducts a Capstone course for selected general and flag officers from all Services. Its mission is to improve student understanding of the key elements influencing joint and combined operations.

We accomplish this mission by means of classroom presentations and extensive field trips in support of five general areas of instruction: (1) the threat to the U.S. and our intelligence capabilities; (2) the development of national security policy and military strategy; (3) the capabilities and perspectives of our Services; (4) the perspectives of our joint and combined commands; and (5) a wrap-up deployment/employment decision game.

We invite you to address our Capstone general and flag officers as part of our instruction on the threat to our country. A presentation on the current National Intelligence Estimate concerning the Soviet Union, to include Soviet security objectives, strategy to achieve those objectives, and military capabilities, would be most helpful to our officers.

Our next course will be conducted from 23 March through 17 May 1986, and we are planning the proposed presentation for the afternoon of 24 March. A one-hour presentation followed by a 45-minute question and answer period is appropriate. Our classroom is a Top Secret SCI facility, and our long-standing policy of nonattribution applies.

I have asked Colonel George Kirschenbauer, Director of the Capstone program (475-1473) to serve as your point of contact. He will be glad to provide any information or assistance required.

We hope that you will be able to participate in this important program.

Sincerely,

— out of  
Country til  
29 Nov

  
Richard D. Lawrence

Lieutenant General, U.S. Army  
President